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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Ranking Member Conyers:

I write as a follow up to your recent meeting with Robert Manfred, our Executive Vice President of Labor Relations and labor counsel. As I understand it, you have requested that Judiciary Committee staff be pennitted to obtain financial information and analysis from the Major League Baseball Players Association ("MLBPA") so that the Committee may have a greater understanding of the financial information we provided to the Committee at its hearing on December 6, 2001 on your legislation, H.R. 3288, the "Fairness in Antitrust in National Sports Act of 2001."

As I have previously written in my January 2, 2002 letter to the Committee, Major League Baseball does not object to the MLBPA providing you with its analysis of the issues raised by the Clubs' financial statements, provided that the MLBPA does not disclose specific data otherwise subject to the confidentiality agreement in the collective bargaining agreement. Further, it is our position that MLBPA may provide the Committee with such analysis without violating any of their obligations under Article XXV(E)(4), Attachment 17 of the collective bargaining agreement.

Moreover, as Mr. Manfred suggested, we are prepared to discuss the analytical issues raised by the MLBPA and to attempt to quantify the significance of those issues with specific data. As we discussed, however, we are concerned that any information released to the public be limited to the more general summary information provided in December, rather than specific, raw financial information. We would request that you secure our agreement prior to releasing any non-public information received by the Committee.

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I hope this letter is helpful to your ongoing review. If I can provide any other information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary